

A Christmas Carol-Study Guide #2 ANSWERS:

Act 2, Scene 1:

1. How does Marley trick Scrooge? Why does he do this?
 - Marley tricks Scrooge by having nothing appear when the clock strikes one. Then he reverses the clock to twelve and back to one again.
2. Describe what the *Ghost of Christmas Present* looks like.
 - He sits on a throne filled with turkeys, geese, game, poultry, brawn, meat, pigs, sausages, mince-pies, plum puddings, oysters, chestnuts, different fruits, twelfth cakes and bowls of punch. He carries a torch, shaped as a horn with overflowing fruits, flowers and grain. He wears a green robe with a rusty sheath without a sword around his waist.
3. What does each of the *Ghost of Christmas Present's* 1,800 siblings represent?
 - The siblings represent Christmas spirits every year.

Act 2, Scene 2:

1. How do the chorus singers change when the *Ghost of Christmas Present* sprinkles the incense upon them?
 - They become kind and nice to each other instead of being mean and mad towards one another.
2. What are the chorus singers doing for Christmas?
 - They go to work, cooking dinner for the rich people.
3. How is Scrooge's personality different than at the beginning of the play?
 - He is more concerned about the poor now than in the beginning of the play.

Act 2, Scene 3:

1. Where does the *Ghost of Christmas Present* take Scrooge?
 - The Ghost of Christmas Present takes Scrooge to see the Cratchit family.
2. Why does Scrooge think that Cratchit is a fool?
 - Scrooge thinks Cratchit is a fool because he doesn't make a lot of money, yet he still provides for his large family.
3. How is Tiny Tim different from other little boys?
 - He walks with crutches because he is crippled.
4. How does the Cratchit family feel about each other? How do you know? Prove it!
 - They love one another and are happy. The children are always giggling and laughing with each other; one of the daughters pretends to hide from Bob and he gets upset if one of his family members are missing and they are excited about the dinner they are going to have as a family.
5. What do you think Scrooge is feeling from watching the Cratchits?
 - Scrooge understands that people can be happy with what life has to offer even if they do not have a lot of money. He yearns for that happiness and despises his own misery.
6. What does Scrooge beg the spirit to do for Tiny Tim?
 - Scrooge begs the spirit to keep Tiny Tim alive.
1. What are the things the Cratchit family is thankful for? What does Scrooge learn from watching this?
 - They are thankful for their family, their meal, their love for one another and the warmth of their small fire. Scrooge learns to be thankful for the little things and that all you need is family to be happy.
2. How does Mrs. Cratchit describe Scrooge?
 - Mrs. Cratchit describes Scrooge as a miser, odious, stingy and an unfeeling man.
3. Why does Mr. Cratchit defend Scrooge?
 - Mr. Cratchit defends Scrooge because he is the Founder of the Feast. He is the man who allows Cratchit to earn a living in order to help provide and support his family.

Act II, Scene 4:

1. Why does Fred invite Scrooge to dinner every Christmas night?
 - Fred invites Scrooge to dinner every Christmas night because he pities Scrooge and because seeing Scrooge reminds him of his mother.
2. What warning does *The Ghost of Christmas Present* give to Scrooge?
 - The Ghost of Christmas Present presents two dolls (the boy = Ignorance, the girl = Want). These dolls represent the children of society. Scrooge wanted to send these children (i.e. the ignorant and poor of society) to workhouses and prisons. When he sees what they endure, he is horrified. By ignoring what happens, by ignoring the boy, suggests the spirit, it will be made worse.
3. What quote said by Scrooge does *The Ghost of Christmas Present* repeat to Scrooge?
 - The *Ghost of Christmas Present* repeats to Scrooge, "Are there no prisons? Are there no workhouses
4. Why does *The Ghost of Christmas Present* repeat Scrooge's words from the beginning of the play?
 - The *Ghost of Christmas Present* repeats Scrooge's words to remind him of the person he once was and to show how he felt about the poor.
5. How does *The Ghost of Christmas Future's* appearance change the mood of the play?
 - The *Ghost of Christmas Future's* appearance changes the mood of the play to a dark and gloomy mood.
6. How is Scrooge's reaction to this ghost's arrival differ from the other two that visited him?
 - Scrooge's reaction to this ghost's arrival is different because he fears this ghost more than any other spirit that has visited him. However, he is still prepared to see what the spirit will show him because he wants to live to be a better man than he was.
7. What happened to Scrooge's possessions after his death?
 - His possessions were stolen after his death.
8. What happens to Tiny Tim?
 - Tiny Tim dies.

9. How is Mr. Cratchit's health?
 - Mr. Cratchit is upset. He walks slower than usual.
10. What event prompted Fred to offer his help to the Cratchit family?
 - Fred offers his help to the Cratchit family after the passing of Tiny Tim.
11. What does Scrooge promise to *The Ghost of Christmas Future*?
 - Scrooge promises to honor Christmas and keep the Christmas spirit all year. He promises to live in the past, present and future and learn from the lessons that the spirits have taught him.

Act II, Scene 5:

1. How has Scrooge's attitude changed towards Christmas and people?
 - Scrooge's attitude has changed towards Christmas and people by saying "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year" to everybody. He is happier and spends his money on acts of kindness to other people.
2. What does Scrooge pay Adam to do?
 - Scrooge pays Adam to buy the big prized turkey and for him to bring the poultry man back with him so he can deliver it.
3. Why does Scrooge not want Mr. Cratchit to know that he was the one to send the gift?
 - Scrooge doesn't want Mr. Cratchit to know that he was the one to send the gift because he doesn't want to ruin his reputation just yet. He wants to do a good deed by helping his family have a good Christmas dinner.
4. What does Scrooge offer to the portly do-gooder?
 - Scrooge offers him money.
5. Why does Scrooge momentarily go back to his old behavior?
 - Scrooge goes back to his old behavior temporarily because he doesn't want Cratchit to know that he's changed just yet. He surprises him by raising his salary.
6. How did Scrooge and Cratchit's relationship change?
 - Their relationship changed by becoming close friends and Scrooge became a second father to their family.